(Rs in crores)

Name of the SRTC	*1988-89*	*Name of the STRC*	*1989-90*
Maharashtra	3.68	Karnataka	1.41
Karnataka	5.63	Andhra Pradesh	0.80
Andhra Pradesh	3.20	Orissa	0.39
Orissa	1.58	Gujarat	8.40

Name of the SRTC	1990-91
Rajasthan	3.49
Kerala	0.31
Maharashtra	1.95
Gujarat	14.25

(b) and (c). All the State Road Transport Corporations are under the control of the concerned State Governments. The performance of State Road Transport Corporations is reviewed on a regular basis taking into account the following key factors:-

1. Vehicle productivity.
2. Staff productivity.
3. Fuel efficiency.
4. Passenger Kilometer per bus per day.
5. Operating ratio of finance, and
6. Operating cost per 100 passenger Km.

Declaration of Ballia-Allahabad Road as National Highway

2632. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal to declare Ballia-Allahabad road as a National Highway in view of the heavy traffic plying on ths route;

(b) if so, when this proposal was received; and

(c) the action so far taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Use of Foreign exchange by Companies with foreign Shareholdings

2633. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of companies with foreign shareholdings which were permitted to use foreign exchange amounting to more than Rupees one crore during 1990-91 for expenses abroad;

(b) whether the Government propose to examine the expenditure incurred by such companies to verify the proper utilisation of foreign exchange; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Permission to use Foreign Exchange Held by Big Industrial Houses

2634. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India had given permission to companies to use foreign exchange held by some of the big indurstrial houses during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the details thereof, companv-wise; and

(c) the purpose for which these companies were permitted to use foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Merger or Amalgamation of Public Sector Banks

2635. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Banks Association, the Apex Body of Banking Industry proposed merger or amalgamation of 28 public sector banks and creation of only 12 banks with branches all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government have not received any proposal from Indian Banks' Association suggesting merger or amalgamation of 28 public sector banks and creation of only 12 banks with branches all over the country.

(b) to (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Regional Office of Oriental Insurance Company at Dehradun.

2636. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Regional Office of the Oriental Insurance Company Limited has been set up at Dehradun;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to open the proposed office at NOIDA instead of Dehradun; and

(d) if not, the time by which the Regional Office would start functioning at Dehradun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Oriental Insurance Company Limited has already its Regional Office at Lucknow which is looking after the entire Uttar Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.